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WHEREAS, I,

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ASSIGNOR, has invented certain new and useful improvements in

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for which I have filed an Application for Letters Patent in the United States on November 2, 1999, assigned Serial No. 09/432,313; and

WHEREAS,

Tubular Fabricators Industry a corporation in the state of Virginia having a business address of 600 West Wythe Street Petersburg, Virginia 23803-4138

ASSIGNEE, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we the said

ASSIGNOR.

has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, to the said

ASSIGNEE,

its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, including the right to claim priority under the terms of any appropriate International Convention based upon said application for Letters Patent of the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said

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AND I HEREBY covenant that we have full right to convey the interest herein assigned in the manner hereinabove set forth, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

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